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ON the 5th day of July, 1842, the Consociation of Hartford South, came together, and proceeded to form a new church ;—to be called the South Congregational Church of New Britain. The one hundred and twenty persons, whose names stand first in the Catalogue, were, by request, organized and constituted, according to records of Consociation, a Church.

REV. SAMUEL ROCKWELL, was installed Pastor of this Church, January 4th, 1843.

DEACONS.

CHOSEN.

ELIJAH FRANCIS, July 15, 1842,

CHAUNCEY CORNWELL, “ “

ORSON H. SEYMOUR, Jan. 22, 1847.

DIED.

Nov. 1, 1846, Æ 87.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE I. We, as a church, believe in one only living and true God; infinite and eternal; and existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, who possess the same nature, and are equal in every divine perfection.

1 Cor. 8; 4. There is none other God but one.

Deut. 6; 4. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. Deut. 4; 35, 39. Isa. 45; 5, 6, 14, 21, 22. Deut. 32; 39. Isa. 44; 6. Jer. 10; 10. The Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king. Ps. 90; 2. From everlasting to everlasting thou art God. 1 Thess. 1; 9. John 17; 3. Hab. 1; 12. Job 11; 7. Isa. 40; 13, 14, 26, 28. Math. 5; 48. Heb. 6; 18. Deut. 32; 4. Ps. 145; 3.

Mat. 28; 19. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 2 Cor. 13; 14. John 1; 1, 3. Phil. 2; 1, 6, 11. Heb. 1; 2, 3, 6, 8. Acts 5; 3, 4. Do. 13; 4. 1 John 5; 7. Col. 1; 14-19.

ARTICLE II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, were given by inspiration of God, and are our only perfect rule of Christian faith and practice.

2 Tim. 3; 15-17. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. Gal. 1; 8. 2 Pet. 1; 21. Mat. 22; 29. Ps. 119; 97, 105. Luke 24; 27, 44, 45. John 5; 39. Rev. 22; 18, 19.

ARTICLE III. We believe that God created all things for his own glory; and that he governs all things according to the counsel of his own will, in perfect consistency with man's free-agency and accountability.

Rev. 4; 11. For thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Rom. 11; 36. Prov. 16; 4. Neh. 9; 6.

Isa. 46; 10. Declaring the end from the beginning, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. Eph. 1; 11. Job 23; 13, 14. Rom. 8; 28. Isa. 11; 24. 1 Peter 1; 20. Ps. 145; 15, 16.

Acts 2; 23. Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and with wicked hands, have crucified and slain. Acts 4; 27, 28. Ps. 33; 11. Heb. 6; 17. Gen. 45; 5-8. Do. 50; 20. Isa. 10; 6, 7. Luke 22; 22.

ARTICLE IV. We believe that in consequence of the apostacy of Adam, sin and misery have been introduced into the world; and that all men, unless renewed by the Holy Spirit, are destitute of holiness, and under the curse of the Divine law.

Rom. 5; 12, 19. Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Gen. 1; 26, 27. Do. 3; 16, 19. 1 Cor. 15; 21, 22.

Ecc. 7; 20. For there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not. Ecc. 7; 29. Rom. 7; 18. Do. 3; 9-18, 20, 23. Ecc. 9; 3. Rom. 8; 7, 8. Gen. 6; 5. Do. 8; 21. Jer. 17; 9. John 3; 6, 7.

Eph. 2; 3. And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. John 3; 36. Gal. 3; 10. Rom. 2; 5.

ARTICLE V. We believe that Jesus Christ is both God and man; that by his sufferings and death, he has made atonement for the sins of the world; and that on the ground of this atonement, all who repent and believe in him, are freely pardoned and justified.

John 1; 1, 14. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.—29. 1 Tim. 3; 16. Heb. 1; 8. Gal. 4; 4, 5. Heb. 2; 14, 16. Rom. 5; 8. Mat. 26; 28. 1 Pet. 1; 19. 1 John 2; 2. And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Rom. 4; 25. Rev. 5; 9. 1 Tim. 1; 15. Do. 2; 5, 6. Heb. 2; 9. Rev. 5; 9.

John 3; 15. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.—18. Acts 2; 38. Rom. 3; 21-26. Acts 4; 12.

ARTICLE VI. We believe, that all who are renewed by the Holy Spirit, will be kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation; and that they will owe their salvation to the mere sovereign mercy and eternal purpose of God in Christ Jesus, through repentance and faith in him, and not to any works of righteousness which they have done.

1 Pet. 1; 5. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. Phil. 1; 6. John 10; 28, 29. 1 Cor. 1; 8. 1 John 2; 19. Rom. 8; 30-39. Prov. 4; 18. John 6; 37. Do. 15; 16. Do. 17; 2, 6, 9.

Ezek. 36; 32. Not for your sakes, do I this, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you.—26. Rom. 9; 18, 21. 2 Tim. 1. 9. Rom. 8; 29.

Eph. 1; 4, 5. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world. 1 Peter 1; 2. Acts 13; 48. 2 Thess. 2; 13.

Tit. 3; 5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us. Acts 15; 11. Gal. 2; 16. Eph. 3; 8, 9.

ARTICLE VII. We believe that the law of God, demanding perfect holiness of heart and life, is binding on all men; and that the fruits of regeneration will be exhibited in acts of practical obedience to that law.

Mat. 5; 17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the

prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.—18, 19. Luke 10; 25-28. Gal. 5; 13-22. 1 Tim. 1; 8-11. Ps. 119; 96. Josh. 1; 8. Mic. 6; 8.

John 15; 14. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.—8, 12. Mat. 10; 37, 38. Luke 6; 46. James 1; 27. Do. 3; 17. 2 Cor. 7; 1.

ARTICLE VIII. We believe that any number of Christians, duly organized, constitute a Church of Christ; the special ordinances of which are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Rom. 16; 4, 5. Unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in thine house. Mat. 18; 17. Acts 14; 27. 1 Cor. 16; 19. Col. 4; 15.

Mat. 28; 19. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Acts 16; 15, 33. 1 Cor. 1; 16. See also Gen. 17; 7, 9, 10. Gal. 3; 29. Rom. 11; 16-24. Luke 22; 19, 20. 1 Cor. 11; 23-26.

ARTICLE IX. We believe that all mankind must hereafter appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, to receive a just and final retribution, according to the deeds done in the body: and that the wicked will be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal.

2 Cor. 5; 10. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Acts 17; 31. 1 Thes. 4; 16. Rom. 14; 10. Jude 15. Rev. 20; 12, 15. Do. 22; 11.

Mat. 25; 46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Mat. 13; 40-45. 2 Pet. 2; 4, 9. 2 Thess. 1; 6-10. Rev. 21; 8. Mat. 25; 31-46. Dan. 12; 2. Mark 8; 38.

Do you cordially assent to these articles of faith?

COVENANT.

In the presence of God and this assembly, you do now seriously, deliberately and forever, avouch the Lord Jehovah to be your God, Jesus Christ to be your Saviour, the Holy Ghost to be your sanctifier, and the Holy Scriptures to be the rule of your Christian faith and practice :—and do solemnly give yourselves up to God, to be wholly his, to be governed by his laws, to be guided by his Spirit, to be disposed of by his providence, and to be saved by his grace, in the way of the gospel. You promise to receive in meekness and love, the pure doctrines of the gospel, and by the aids of divine grace, to lead a life of piety towards God, and benevolence towards your fellow men.

You also submit yourselves to the government of Christ in his church, and to the regular administration of it, in this church ; attending the worship of God, and the ordinances of the gospel ; living in Christian charity and communion with its members ; conscientiously endeavoring to promote its peace, purity and edification ; and to discharge all those duties, by which God may be glorified, and the religion of the Bible extended and established among men.

You enter into these solemn engagements in humble dependence on the grace of God, and with a full

belief that your vows are recorded on high, and will be reviewed in the day of final judgment.

Thus you covenant and promise ?

[Members of the Church will rise.]

We, then, as a Church, do cordially receive you into our fellowship and communion, and give thanks to God, who, we trust, has inclined your heart to fear his name. We promise to treat you with Christian affection ; to watch over you with tenderness ; and to offer our prayers to the great Head of the Church, to enable you to fulfill the solemn covenant which you have now made.

Now we commend you to God, and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up in the most holy faith, and to present you faultless before the throne of his glory with exceeding great joy.

RULES.

I. ANNUAL MEETING AND CHOICE OF OFFICERS.

1. There shall be a meeting of the Church annually, in the month of January, for devotional services and the transaction of annual business.

2. At each annual meeting, a clerk shall be chosen to act for the ensuing year; and also a standing committee consisting of the deacons and five other members.

3. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee, to assist the pastor in examining the qualifications of persons who may offer themselves as candidates for admission into the church. Also to aid in matters of discipline, and especially to bring before the church such cases, as in their opinion, may require its consideration.

II. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

1. Candidates for admission to the church by *profession*, shall be examined by the pastor and church committee, and publicly propounded *two weeks* previous to their admission, except in special cases, when they may be received on shorter notice.

2. Persons may be received by *letter* from other churches, by publicly reading their letter of recom-

mendation, and stating that unless objection be made to the pastor or church committee, within *one week*, the person shall be considered a member in regular standing :—their letters having been previously submitted to the pastor and committee, and approved by them.

3. Members from *other churches not in communion* with us, (and who decline to give letters of recommendation,) may be received as in other cases, on a *certificate* of their regular standing, and by assenting to our confession of faith and covenant ; their certificate having been first approved by the church committee.

4. No member of a sister church shall be statedly invited to unite in our communion, for a longer period than *one year*, without transferring his or her relation to this church ; unless good reasons shall be assigned for a longer delay, which reasons shall be approved by the pastor and church committee.

III. DISMISSION OF MEMBERS.

1. Members of this church may be *dismissed* to other churches, by publicly stating to the church their application ; and that if no objection be made to the pastor or church committee *within one week*, they will receive their letter of dismission and recommendation ; which letter, however, shall be valid, for only *one year* from its date.

2. This church, adopting fully the principle of open or free communion, is ready, on due application, to dismiss its members to any evangelical church that adopts the same principle.

3. If any member of this church shall leave its fellowship to unite with another, of a different denomination, and does not seek the advice of the pastor, and ask a letter of dismission, it shall be regarded as a breach of covenant, and such a disorder as requires our discipline.

4. If any member of this church wishes to unite with any other Christian church that rejects our communion, or denies our existence as a church, and cannot be dissuaded, we are not able consistently with our principle of open communion, to give a dismission and recommendation in the ordinary form; but will give a certificate of regular standing, and record his dismission;—it being understood, as in other cases, that the dismission take effect when the person receiving it is admitted as a member of the church, with which he proposes to unite.

5. Members of this church who remove their residence from this place, are expected to transfer their relation to some other church, within *one year* after their absence; and absent members shall be reminded of this rule, by the pastor or clerk of the church.

IV. SABBATH SCHOOL.

1. The church shall have the general oversight of the Sabbath School, and appoint all the officers of the school.

2. The officers shall be appointed annually by ballot, on the day of the annual State fast.

CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS.

One hundred and twenty persons whose names stand first in this Catalogue, were originally members of the Second Church in Berlin, or what is now the First Church in New Britain.

NAMES.	Time of original admission.
*Dea. Elijah Francis,	Aug., 1817.
Dea. Chauncey Cornwell,	March, 1816.
Seth J. North,	Aug., 1821.
Alvin North,	Oct., 1809.
Samuel Hart,	Oct., 1802.
Norman Woodruff,	Feb., 1823.
Henry North,	Dec., 1831.
*Ozias Hart,	June, 1797.
Denis Sweet,	1841.
Andrew P. Potter,	1841. Letter.
Josiah Dewey,	Aug., 1821.
Elijah Hart,	Aug., 1831.
John Judd,	Jan., 1829.
*Abijah Flagg,	1840. Letter.
Alonzo Stanley,	April, 1830.
*Aaron C. Andrews,	Jan., 1829.
George Hart,	Aug., 1837.
William Bassett,	April, 1812.
Willam H. Smith,	Jan., 1829.
Chester Hart,	Aug., 1821.
George L. Tibbals,	1841.
Edmund Steel,	Jan., 1829.
Theodore A. Belknap,	1841.

* Deceased.

† Dismissed.

NAMES.

Time of original admission.

Charles A. Warner,	1841.	
† Samuel W. Hart,	Aug., 1837.	
Salmon Hart,	Aug., 1821.	
Horace Butler,	Aug., 1821.	
Joshua Carpenter,	Jan., 1829.	
† Robert G. Williams,	1840.	
James Judd,	Aug., 1821.	
† Eliza A. Marshall,		
Ezekiel Andrews Jr.	Jan., 1829.	
Elnathan Peck	1841.	
Henry Stanley,	March, 1829.	
Catharine A. Stanley, wife of Henry,	Feb., 1827.	
Curtis Whaples,	Aug., 1837.	
Esther L. Lee,	Feb., 1838.	Letter.
Abigail Seymour,	June, 1819.	
† Mary A. Seymour, [Palmer.]	Jan., 1829.	
Dorothy Francis, w. of Edwin,	Aug., 1829.	
Edmund Warner,	1840.	Letter.
* Elizabeth W. Warner, w. of Edm'd.	Aug., 1837.	
* Francis Hart,	Aug., 1811.	
William B. Stanley,	Jan., 1829.	
Charles M. Lewis,	1841.	
Polly Clark,	Jan., 1829.	
Romeo Francis,	Aug., 1821.	
Catharine Francis, w. of Romeo,	Aug., 1821.	
Catharine A. Francis,	1841.	
Nancy M. Eddy, w. of Lorenzo,	Aug., 1831.	
Matilda Slater, w. of Elam,	Feb., 1827.	
Dolly S. Hart,	Jan., 1811.	
Nathan R. Cook.	1841.	Letter.
Lucy B. Cook, w. of Nathan,	1840.	
Jane Francis,	Aug., 1785.	
* Orpha Hart,	Feb., 1812.	
Lauretta S. North, wife of Henry,	Dec., 1831.	
* Amelia S. Williams,	1840.	
Orpha H. Butler, w. of Horace,	Aug., 1821.	
Charlotte N. Rockwell, w. of Sam'l,	Feb., 1827.	
Sarah B. North,	Jan., 1829.	
Georgiana M. North,	1840.	
Louisa B. North,	1840.	
Lucinda H. Smith, w. of William H.	Dec., 1835.	
Lydia S. Dewey, w. of Josiah,	Aug., 1821.	
Clarissa B. North, w. of Alvin,	June, 1817.	
Betsey North, w. of Seth J.	March, 1816.	
Sarah North, w. of Orrin S.	Aug., 1829.	
Ann W. Burrit,	June, 1833.	Letter.
Mary G. Cornwell, w. of Chauncey,	Jan., 1817.	
Sarah G. Cornwell,	1841.	
Maria Seymour, w. of Orson,	Jan., 1829.	

NAMES.

Time of original admission.

Julia A. North,	1810.	
Mary Peck, w. of Elnathan,	Feb., 1827.	
Esther Dewey,	Aug., 1825.	
Caroline U. Sweet, w. of Denis,	Feb., 1827.	
Mary Cordelia North,	1811.	
Sarah E. Brace, w. of Samuel,	Aug., 1837.	
Abigail Woodruff, w. of Norman,	Feb., 1823.	
†Louisa H. Flagg, w. of Jared B.	1840.	
Lois E. Bassett, w. of William,	1838.	Letter.
Mary S. Bassett,	1841.	
Lucretia M. Smith,	Aug., 1821.	
Sarah M. Loomis, wife of Grove,	Aug., 1837.	
Harriet S. Brown, w. of Horace,	Aug., 1837.	
Elizabeth A. Smith,	1841.	
Betsey Judd, wife of John,	Oct., 1827.	
*Betsey H. Carpenter,	Jan., 1829.	
Alma Woodruff,	Aug., 1837.	Letter.
Honor Flagg,	1840.	Letter.
*Melvinia C. Stanley,	1841.	
Chloe A. Stanley,	Feb., 1827.	
Abigail L. Stanley,	June, 1819.	
Maria N. Erwin, w. of Cornelius,	Aug., 1837.	
Electa Andrews,	Dec., 1831.	Letter.
Harriet A. Stanley,	1841.	Letter.
Elizabeth F. Hart, w. of George,	Aug., 1837.	
Hannah Root,	Aug., 1821.	
*Selina Churchill,		
Elvey W. Hart, w. of Chester,	Aug., 1821.	
Lucy N. Steele, w. of Edmund,	Jan., 1829.	
Marilla C. Callender, w. of Ira,	1837.	Letter.
Matilda C. Warner, w. of Charles,	March, 1829.	
Almira W. Warren,	1841.	
Rosette Hart, w. of Salmon,	April, 1818.	
Maria Steele, w. of Ira.		
Mehetabel Hart, w. of Edmund,		
Louisa Hart, w. of Elijah,	Aug., 1831.	
†Eliza Judd, w. of Richard,	Aug., 1837.	
Gunilda Judd, w. of James,	Dec., 1825.	
Sarah E. Andrews, w. of Ezekiel, Jr.	Aug., 1837.	
Sarah Whiting, w. of Henry,	Aug., 1829.	
Sarah Hart,	Jan., 1829.	
Mary Gridley, w. of Eben,	Nov., 1817.	
Lucy Winchell,	Oct., 1819.	
Mary Curtiss,	Feb., 1812.	
Julia Curtiss,		
Lucy Wright,	March, 1829.	
Sylvia Hart,	Oct., 1809.	
Olive Wright,	Dec., 1821.	

NAMES.	Admitted.	From what Church.
Gad Stanley,	Nov. 1842.	2d ch. Hartford.
Thomas F. Griswold,	" "	West Hartford.
Henry W. Whiting,	March 1843.	
Arabella D. Gaylord, w. of William,	" "	
Henrietta Clarissa North,	" "	
Elam Slater,	May,	" "
† Isaac H. Potter,	" "	" "
J. W. Humphrey,	" "	" "
† Lester Buel,	" "	" "
Oliver Stanley,	" "	" "
Lydia Kelsey, w. of Samuel,	" "	" "
Mary A. Eddy, w. of Walter,	" "	" "
Henrietta H. Francis, w. of Darwin,	" "	" "
Julia A. Cornwell,	" "	" "
Dea. Orson H. Seymour.	" "	" "
Elizabeth C. Whaples, w. of Curtis,	" "	" "
Catharine Landers, w. of George,	" "	" "
Eliza N. S. Langdon, w. of Fred ^k ,	" "	" "
Polly Eno,	" "	Simsbury.
† Jane Eno Lewis, w. of Horatio,	" "	" "
† Stephen T. Ford,	July,	" "
Jane B. Strickland, w. of George,	" "	" "
† Elizabeth Post, w. of Peter B.	" "	" "
† Franklin Woodruff,	" "	" "
† Amzi Stanley,	" "	2d ch. Hartford.
Betsey C. Porter, w. of Richard,	" "	Granby.
E. A. Andrews,	" "	{ Bowdoin, St.
Lucy C. Andrews, w. of E. A.	" "	{ Boston.
George W. Strickland,	" "	S. Glastenbury.
† V. C. Taylor,	Aug.,	" "
Horace Clapp,	Nov.,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
* Sarah W. Clapp, w. of Horace,	" "	Columbus, Ga.
William F. Raymond,	March 1844.	" "
Mary Andrews,	" "	Montville.
Cynthia Hart,	July,	1st ch. N. Britain.
* Elizabeth Meigs,	Aug.	" " " "
Horatio Waldo,	Nov.	" " " "
Ozias B. Bassett,	" "	Griswold.
Emeline E. Bassett,	" "	1st ch. N. Britain.
Abigail Clark,	Jan. 1845.	" " " "
Russel Upson,	" "	Farmington.
Adeline Upson, w. of Russel,	" "	Berlin.
† Samuel Upson,	April,	" "
Lydia D. Parker,	May,	Kensington.
Dorothy Wright,	Aug.	1st ch. Coventry.
Sarah C. Hart,	Nov.	1st ch. N. Britain.
Harriet Hendrick, w. of Abel,	" "	1st ch. Troy N. Y.
Jane M. Hendrick,	" "	Saratoga Springs.

NAMES.	Admitted.	From what Church.
William Gaylord,	Jan. 1816.	2d ch. Middlet'n.
Selah Steel,	" "	1st ch. N. Britain.
Phebe Steel, w. of Selah,	" "	" " "
Lucy P. Lewis,	March, "	" " "
Frederick W. Hart,	" "	1st ch. N. Haven.
Harriet A. Finch, w. of Amon,	May, "	1st ch. N. Britain.
George Hooker,	Sept. "	Kensington.
Sally Hooker, w. of George,	" "	"
Jane A. Hooker,	" "	"
Elizabeth C. K. Brown, w. of Martin,	Nov. "	Newington.
Roswell Smith,	Jan. 1817.	Vernon.
Mariva K. Smith, w. of Roswell,	" "	"
Sidney Smith,	March, "	Millford.
J. Henry Hart,	" "	"
Edward Doen,	" "	"
Charles S. Andrews,	" "	"
Ellen A. Andrews,	" "	"
Eliza Ann Hart,	" "	"
Julia Ann Smith,	" "	"
Viana Hart,	" "	"
Cordelia M. Smith,	May. "	"
Hubert F. North,	July, "	2d ch. Hartford.
Burnham Slater,	" "	Southington.
Mary Humphrey, w. of William,	" "	Hartford.
William S. Booth,	" "	"
Lucius S. Booth,	" "	"
Henry C. Bowers,	" "	"
James B. Merwin,	" "	"
Frank Corbin,	" "	"
Charles Peck,	" "	"
Samuel Carpenter,	" "	"
James P. Brainard,	" "	"
Elizabeth L. Whaples,	" "	"
Augusta C. Hart,	" "	"
Sarah B. Stowe,	" "	"
Sarah H. Judd,	" "	"
Cordelia H. Peck,	" "	"
Abigail B. Peck,	" "	"
Caroline E. Hart,	" "	"
Elizabeth A. Cornwell,	" "	"
Ellen S. Cornwell,	" "	"
Julia W. Burritt,	" "	"
Lucy W. Seymour,	" "	"
Emeline Judd,	" "	"
Hellen J. Bassett,	" "	"
Caroline North,	" "	"
Elizabeth Butler,	" "	"

NAMES.	Admitted.	From what Church.
Augusta M. North,	July, 1847.	
Mary E. North,	" "	
Adelaide J. Francis,	" "	
Louisa B. Waldo,	" "	
Elizabeth C. Andrews,	Sept. "	
Clara Hudson,	" "	
Ann E. Burritt,	" "	
Elizabeth S. W. Smith, w. of Levi,	" "	
Jane Smith,	" "	
Philip Corbin,	" "	West Hartford.
Harriet Robinson,	Nov. "	N. London, N. H.
F. H. North,	Jan. 1848.	Yale College.

Whole number of Members, . . . 227.

Number in January, 1848, . . . 199.

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NEW BRITAIN, CONN.,
FOR THE YEAR 1881.

"Let the People Praise Thee, O God; Let all the People
Praise Thee."

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SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,

NEW BRITAIN. - CONN.

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

THE year 1881 opened with rejoicing over the removal of all indebtedness on church and parsonage. It has been a year of unusual affliction, many and valued members of our church having been called from the earthly work to the heavenly reward; but it has also been a year of blessing and of spiritual growth.

Since March 1st, Dea. John Wiard, Superintendent of the Sunda School, has devoted his whole time to the duties of his office and assisting the pastor in pastoral work. Our parish now numbers upwards of five hundred families, including over two thousand souls.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCH.

1275	L. Emma J. (Covell) Abbe,	1288	Elizabeth A. Grindley.
	wife of Henry E.	1289	Emma L. Hawkins.
1276	Anna Barrett.	1290	Bessie S. Booth.
1277	L. William H. Huntley.	1291	Alice M. Doen.
1278	L. Laura P. (Ellsworth)	1292	Mary E. Bassett.
	Huntley.	1293	Anna L. Smith.
1279	L. Thomas W. Wilbor.	1294	Lucy M. Boehme.
1280	L. Charles Hummel.	1295	Clara L. Carleton.
1281	L. John H. Bastian.	1296	Mary W. Lyon.
1282	L. Annie B. (Miles) Beard,	1297	Bertha Fannie Montague.
	wife of Samuel H.	1298	Grace G. Robbins.
1283	John Boyle	1299	Charles E. Wetmore.
1284	Margaret (Young)	1300	Fannie (Moore) Learned,
	Boyle.		wife of E. C.
1285	Nettie (Konold) Sanlow,	1301	Letty H. Learned.
	wife of Gustave.	1302	Mary C. Bowers.
1286	Emily (Haaga) Emory, wid.	1303	Carolyn Peck.
	of Samuel.	1304	Elizabeth Rockwell.
1287	Ellen L. Marsh.	1305	Martin Harmon.

ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCH—(CONTINUED).

1306	Nellie M. Harmon.	1317	Anna S. Hart.
1307	Fannie C. Gridley.	1318	William A. House.
1308	Bertha Schmidt.	1319	Emma C. Scheiblin.
1309	Carl A. Moleuder.	1320	Augusta H. Scheiblin.
1310	Selma A. Johanson.	1321	Christine N. Johanson.
1311	Josephine Johanson.	1322	Lillie C. Brown.
1312	Alida J. Johanson.	1323	Lillian W. Hart.
1313	L. Louisa M. (Barnes) Moses, widow of Luther.	1324	Carrie B. Copley.
1314	L. Agnes J. Moses.	1325	Mary L. (Rounds) Welles, wife of Geo. M.
1315	Burr A. Johnson.	1326	Amy Bridgman.
1316	Jennie E. (Rowell) John- son.		

LOSSES BY DISMISSION TO OTHER CHURCHES.

648	Martha E. (Stanley) Cornwell, wife of Charles H.
1010	Celestia D. (Browning) Comins, wife of J. S.
1125	Mary E. (Porter) Burdham, wife of Arthur.
392	Clarissa (Orvis) Andrews, widow of Thompson.
1126	Jennie (Porter) Mitchell, wife of Edwin R.
453	Adeleide P. (Campbell) Ives, wife of Nelson H.
844	Emma D. (Murray) Munger, wife of Wallace T.
627	John L. Dowd.
1243	David G. Gordon.
1244	Helen (Hazen) Gordon.
1245	Fannie L. (Grant) Hazen, widow of James A.
1099	Lisa W. (Lincoln) Dunham, wife of Martin R.
1310	Selma A. Johanson.

LOSSES BY DEATH.

628	Julius Fenn—March 3, aged 63.
1213	Frederick H. Churchill—March 4, aged 33.
206	Cordelia H. (Peck) Stanley—March 6, aged 50.
896	Ellen W. Hart—May 11, aged 24.
900	Hattie E. Judd—May 23, aged 24.
1115	Mary (Cliff) Mather—June 30, aged 30.
1144	Edward C. Samlow—July 26, aged 23.
594	Jessie (Muir) Wilson—September 25, aged 51.
422	Cordelia B. North—September 30, aged 38.
942	Sarah Louise Gladden—October 6, aged 40.
35	Catharine A. (Stanley) Stanley—November 20, aged 70.
536	Harriet E. (Camp) Chipman.

SUMMARY.

Members, January 1, 1881.	-	-	-	-	-	665
Additions by confession 43, letter 9, total.	-	-	-	-	-	52
Losses by death 12, dismissions 13.	-	-	-	-	-	25
Gain during the year.	-	-	-	-	-	27
Members, January 1, 1882.	-	-	-	-	-	692

BAPTISMS.

ADULTS, ON CONFESSION OF FAITH.

Anna Barrett,	Jennie Eliza Johnson,
Elizabeth Ann Grimley,	Anna Sarah Hart,
Charles Edward Wetmore,	William Austin Hart,
Fannie Learned,	Emma Clara Scheiblin,
Lettie Harriet Learned,	Augusta Hattie Scheiblin,
Fannie Celia Gridley,	Mary Louise Welles,
Burr Alison Johnson,	

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

Agnes Cordelia, child of Mr. and Mrs. William Middlemas,	
Annie Louisa, " "	Frederick H. Bassett,
Ralph Hazen, " "	David G. Gordon,
George Noble, " "	George D. Copley,
Bessie Hodges, " "	Jay S. Stone,
William Ellery, " "	William L. Fielding,
Mary Jane, " "	Thomas Taylor,
Grace Hazen, " "	John B. Talcott,

MARRIAGES.

John Williams and Mary E. Painter.
 Martin R. Dunham and Lida W. Lincoln.

CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Weekly offerings, 50 Sundays, - - - - -	\$2,299.81
Sunday School, - - - - -	428.65
Societies in the Church, - - - - -	1,073.12
Special contributions by individuals, - - - - -	5,991.00
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$9,792.58</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, -	\$1,111.19
Woman's Board of Missions, - - - - -	387.25
American Home Missionary Society, - - - - -	965.11
Connecticut Missionary Society, - - - - -	100.00
Boxes to Home Missionaries, - - - - -	543.62
Special gifts to Home Mission work, - - - - -	195.00
American Missionary Association, - - - - -	916.30
Boxes and cash to A. M. A. Missionaries, - - - - -	119.75
Special gifts to the work among the Freedmen, - - - - -	546.00
College and Education Society, - - - - -	918.15
Additional gifts for Christian Education, - - - - -	560.00
American Congregational Union, - - - - -	523.77
Special gifts for Church Building, - - - - -	610.00
Connecticut Bible Society (through New Britain auxiliary), -	55.89
American Tract Society, - - - - -	341.44
Congregational Publishing Society, for Tract Work, - - - - -	41.70
Connecticut Temperance Union (\$25 for tract work), - - - - -	85.00
American Seamen's Friend's Society, - - - - -	32.00
American Sunday School Union, - - - - -	100.00
New West Education Commission, - - - - -	75.00
Fund for Disabled Ministers, - - - - -	25.00
Sufferers in Michigan fire, boxes \$380, cash \$180, - - - - -	<u>560.00</u>

The Sunday morning offerings during the coming year, when not otherwise designated by the donors, after the deduction of \$300 for missionary work in our own parish, will be apportioned among the great mission causes as follows:

Foreign Missions,	-	-	32 per cent.
Home Missions,	-	-	25 "
Church Building Society,	-	-	6 "
American Missionary Association,	-	-	12 "
Christian Education,	-	-	5 "
Bible and Tract cause,	-	-	5 "
Miscellaneous objects,	-	-	15 "

This miscellaneous fund will be divided by the Standing Committee among various worthy objects of benevolence and church administration, such as the supply of the communion table, the conference tax, the Seamen's cause, Temperance cause, New West Education Commission, Fund for Disabled Ministers, &c. Gifts may be made in the Sunday morning offering for any christian charity whatsoever, by placing the same in an envelope and designating the wish of the donor upon it. Envelopes are placed in each pew for this purpose.

WOODRUFF FUNDS.

J. WARREN TUCK, TRUSTEE.

Expenditures from Church Fund, for the poor and church		
Incidentals,	-	-
Expenditures from Sunday School Library Fund,	-	-
		<u>\$386.66</u>
		<u>429.06</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

John Wiard, <i>Superintendent.</i>	Jas. H. Brown, <i>Assist. Librarian.</i>
Charles Peck, <i>Assist. Supt.</i>	George A. Conklin, " "
Mrs. John Wiard, <i>Lady Supt.</i>	Samuel H. Taylor, " "
Edward N. Stanley, <i>Secretary.</i>	Orrin M. Otis, " "
Martin S. Wiard, <i>Treasurer.</i>	Fred M. Goodrich, " "
Edward L. Prior, <i>Librarian.</i>	Charles O. Collins, " "
Charles E. Hart, <i>Assist. Librarian.</i>	

Mrs. Charles Peck, *Superintendent Primary Class.*

Miss Emma L. Conklin, *Assistant* " "

Miss Sarah H. Brown, " " "

Miss Amie E. Conklin, " " "

Executive Committee—Pastor, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, John H. Peck, Phineas M. Bronson, Mrs. James W. Cooper, Miss Elizabeth R. Eastman.

Library Committee—David N. Camp, Mrs. William H. Smith, Mrs. J. Warren Tuck, Mrs. Charles Peck.

MEMBERSHIP.

Officers, - - - -	17	Average attendance, - - -	591
Teachers, - - - -	62	Deaths, - - - -	5
Scholars over 16 years of age, - - -	356	United with Church, - - -	34
Scholars under 16 " " " "	534		
Total, - - - -	969		
Benevolent contributions, - - - -			\$428.65
Collections for Quarterlies, - - - -			75.79
Total, - - - -			\$504.44

SOCIETIES.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

Mrs. James W. Cooper, President; Miss Emma L. Conklin, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. George M. Landers, Mrs. William H. Hart, Mrs. Philip Lee, Directresses.

Mrs. H. Dayton Humphrey, Mrs. George D. Copley, Mrs. Harvey G. Brown, Committee on Entertainment.

Meetings alternate Thursday afternoons.

Boxes and cash sent to Home Missionaries valued at \$543.62

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. William H. Smith, President; Mrs. Charles Peck, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. Warren Tuck, Secretary and Treasurer.

Meetings first Saturday afternoon in each month.

Contributions to Woman's Board of Missions, \$262.00

YOUNG LADIES SEWING SOCIETY.

Misses Alice C. Tuck, Julia L. Spring, Kate M. Brown, Directresses; Miss Carrie M. Lewis, Secretary and Treasurer.

Box for Mission Home at Macon, Ga., and work for S. S. children, \$142.25

BANYAN SEEDS MISSION CIRCLE.

Walter Carleton, Secretary; Earnest Cooper, Treasurer.

Donations, 7 illustrated scrap books; 10 large pictures; 58 picture cards sent to Alaska and Spain.

Cash donations, \$25.25

LITTLE HELPERS MISSION CIRCLE.

Carrie Peck, Secretary, Carrie Copley, Treasurer.

Money paid for Missions, \$100.00

MOTHERS' CONCERT OF PRAYER.

Mrs. Samuel Rockwell, Directress; Mrs. E. B. Lyon, Secretary.

Meetings first Wednesday afternoon in each month.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALS.

Misses Ludella Peck, Emma L. Conklin, Mary E. Bingham, Messrs. John P. Bartlett, Thomas W. Wilbor, Dr. Geo. K. Welch, Committee.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP.

Hartford County Temperance Union—February 9; Dea. I. N. Carleton, J. B. Smith, Mrs. S. J. Chaffee, Miss M. D. Eastman, Delegates.

Council—Second Congregational Church, Rockville, March 30; Dea. G. P. Rockwell, Delegate.

Hartford County Temperance Union—May 26; Dea. and Mrs. John Wiard, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, Delegates.

Council—Second Congregational Church, Manchester, June 15; Dea. John N. Bartlett, Delegate.

Hartford South Conference—Newington, October 11; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey G. Brown, Dea. and Mrs. Charles Peck, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stoughton, Delegates.

Council—Second Congregational Church, Waterbury, November 9; Philip Corbin, Delegate.

Council—Hammond Street Congregational Church, Bangor, Maine, December 28; John H. Peck, Delegate.

OFFICIAL LISTS.

Pastor—James W. Cooper. Parsonage, No. 45 South Main street.

Deacons—David N. Camp, Charles Peck, John Wiard, George P. Rockwell, John N. Bartlett, Isaac N. Carleton.

Clerk and Treasurer—William H. Hart.

Standing Committee—For one year, Henry C. Bowers, Daniel O. Rogers; for two years, Philip Corbin, John B. Smith; for three years, J. Warren Tuck, Charles E. Hart.

Board of Ladies for Home Work—Mrs A. P. Collins, Mrs. H. H. Brown, Mrs. T. S. Hall, Mrs. W. S. Booth, Mrs. J. W. Tuck, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. H. C. Bowers, Mrs. G. P. Rockwell, Mrs. C. M. Lewis, Mrs. H. J. Hawkins, Mrs. T. B. Houge, Miss E. R. Eastman.

ECCLIASTICAL SOCIETY.

Society's Committee—Oliver Stanley, A. P. Collins, E. B. Lyon.

Treasurer—Oliver Stanley; *Collector and Sexton*—B. H. Pillard.

Chorister and Organist—A. W. Kibbe.

ORDINANCES.

Sunday—Public worship at 10.45 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday School at 12 m.; Young Men's Prayer Meeting, 6.30 p. m.

Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Week Day—Church meeting for prayer and conference, Friday evening; Young People's Meeting, Monday evening; Teachers' Class, Tuesday evening; Children's Meeting, occasionally, on Monday afternoons.



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